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The Father of Christian Zionism Offered Fervent Support to Israel

The passing of television personality Jerry Falwell was certainly big news in the United States. This week, AFP correspondent Michael Collins Piper takes a look back at the life and legacy of Falwell, focusing on how the influential religious leader worked to create a pressure group of Christian Zionists who give ardent backing to Israel.

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Media Created Jerry Falwell

By Michael Collins Piper

Jerry Falwell is dead. The widely-touted television preacher who emerged during the last quarter of the 20th century as one of America's leading promoters of the interests of a foreign nation—Israel—has gone to face his maker. Although there are those who will say it is not fitting to speak ill of the dead—particularly a "man of God" and a leader of the "moral majority" as Falwell proclaimed himself—the truth is that Falwell can best be described as one of the premier Judas Goats in American history.

The record shows that a whole generation of decent American Christians who fell under Rev. Falwell's spell allowed themselves to be corralled into becoming the grass-roots ground troops for a virtual Fifth Column in America, Christian supporters of the Zionist cause, a hard-line bloc of active voters who often voted for American political candidates on the sole basis of whether or not those candidates were sufficiently supportive of the demands of Israel. Jerry Falwell was the Zionist-promoted Judas Goat who led the Christian lambs to the slaughter.

And there are many Christian critics of Falwell (and others of his ilk) who contend that Falwell was not so much a Christian, at least in the classic, traditional sense as we understand Christians—those who place Jesus Christ at the center of their faith—but, instead, more so, one who placed the Jewish people and the modern day state of Israel (a political entity) at the center of his faith.

Although many Americans who would describe themselves as "Christian Conservatives" and who were admirers of the works of Falwell have long railed against what they refer to as "the liberal media," what those same folks have never fathomed (a point perhaps too deep for their recognition) is that it was precisely that same media that gave Falwell the international fame and fortune he accumulated over the past 30 years.

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Falwell, in short, was a creation of the "liberal media." How many Americans would have ever heard of Falwell had it not been for the massive free publicity that he received over the years? Think about it: if the liberal media—and those powerful and closely connected families and financial groups that control that media—had not promoted Falwell in the first place, how likely is it that Falwell would have come to be the genuine power broker that he emerged to be?

The real reason Falwell got all of this free promotion was precisely because he was working so assiduously to generate support for Israel.

Of course, it's not irrelevant to mention that Falwell got a nice reward from Israel for his work. For years Falwell sported around the globe on a Lear jet given to him by the government of Israel under then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin: no small token of appreciation. It was the least little kickback Begin could give to Falwell, considering the fact that the U.S. taxpayers have funded Israel—with Falwell's enthusiastic backing—to the tune of almost $3 trillion. And that Falwell accepted such a gift from Begin is very telling in and of itself. In the late 1940s Begin was a murdering terrorist who killed Christians and Muslims (and even, it is said, more than a few Jews, too) while engaging in a bitter and bloody terrorist campaign against the British occupation of Palestine. Still, Falwell was eager to shake hands with and praise—even worship— the likes of Begin.

We could go on and on talking in unpleasant ways about Falwell's "contributions" to American (and international) political discourse, but to do so would be to belabor the point. Unfortunately, there are many other false prophets (who also profit handsomely) from the same kind of antics that Falwell turned into a virtual art form. So his legacy will long be with us. Falwell's black record speaks for itself. Nothing more need be said than: Good riddance.

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